

REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 18-22 and 24-74 are pending in the present application. In the Restriction/Election Requirement, the Examiner asserted that the application contains claims directed to four (4) patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, illustrated in Figures 5-6C;

Species II, illustrated in Figures 7-8B;

Species III, illustrated in Figures 9-10B; and

Species IV, illustrated in Figures 11-12.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species I, illustrated in Figures 5-6C with traverse. Claims 1-9, 29-65 and 68-74 are directed to the elected species. As acknowledged by the Examiner, claim 1 is generic.

Upon allowance of the generic claim, Applicants respectfully request that all claims be allowed.

Some claims are amended to merely address informal issues and to enhance consistency. The amended claims remain readable upon the elected species.

For a proper Election/Restriction Requirement, the Examiner must demonstrate that 1) the claims are either independent or distinct, and 2) a

serious burden will be on the Examiner to examine all claims. In the absence of any statements addressing either 1) or 2), the Election/Restriction Requirement is improper and therefore must be withdrawn.

In this instance, the Examiner did not demonstrate, let alone even allege, that there would a serious burden to examine all claims. Therefore, the Examiner did not meet the requirements to issue the Election/Restriction Requirement.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Election/Restriction Requirement.

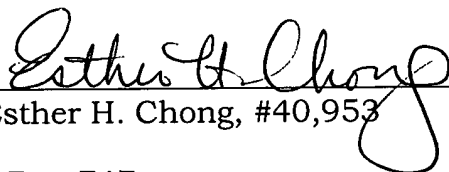
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Hyung Sohn (Reg. No. 44,346), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.


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